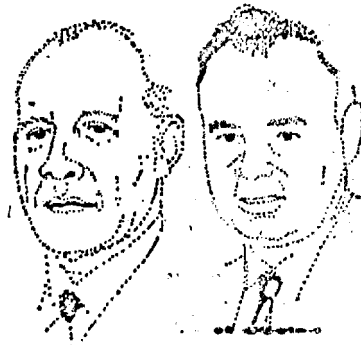


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That Disturbing Problem

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WASHINGTON—The State Department's "most disturbing security problem" is homosexuals among its personnel of all ranks.

Scores of sex deviates are weeded out annually, but the pressing problem of eliminating these extremely vulnerable security risks remains unsolved.

That is the starkly blunt report William J. Crockett, deputy undersecretary for administration, made at a closed-door meeting of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Said the veteran career official, in overall charge of State Department security:

"Homosexuality is the most disturbing security problem in the department. From 80 to 100 sexual deviates are quietly removed from the department each year. But many still remain."

PART OF STUDY

Crockett's startling testimony is part of an exhaustive study the subcommittee, headed by Sen. James Eastland, D-Miss., has been conducting for several years of the security systems and procedures of the State Department and Central Intelligence Agency.

More than 100 witnesses have been interrogated, and upwards of 20,000 pages of testimony and documentary evidence filling 14 volumes have been accumulated. This huge mass of highly revealing information is slated to be published before the new Congress convenes in January.

The subcommittee's report and explosive findings are now awaited at the White House, State Department and CIA.

They are bound to have stormy repercussions involving a number of high-placed officials. The chances are strong that some "heads may roll", and that vehement demand will be made in Congress for drastic corrective measures.

One of the most revealing documents to be published in the Senate subcommittee's voluminous report is a detailed State Department account of how the Communists use homosexuals and women to entice Americans to betray their country.

Citing specific cases, this lurid State Department paper was prepared particularly for personnel assigned to Iron Curtain countries.

The document warns flatly that the use of sex relations, especially abnormal, is a regular practice of Red secret police, and that the utmost vigilance must be exercised to avoid such entrapment. Instances are related of shocking negligence and carelessness.

Publishable highlights of this extraordinary State Department document are:

"The use of photographs of sexual relations for coercion is portrayed in an intelligence report concerning an American employe of the department who was supposedly engaged in homosexual activities with a foreign national. The Communist secret police confronted him with photographs of these activities and threatened to forward them to his superiors if he did not cooperate.

"In another case concerning a married man's illicit relations

with a foreign woman, the American was similarly threatened with exposure via incriminating photographs. Threats of exposing sexual relations have also been used against unmarried Americans.

"The almost incredible aspect of sex entrapment is that some employes have reportedly continued to expose themselves to this danger and subsequently were subjected to secret police recruitment attempts even after their indigenous partner advised them that she was under secret police direction.

"In one case an American is reported to have continued sexual relations in the apartment of an admitted secret police agent even after she advised him the photographic equipment was installed in an adjacent room.

"Whether the American involved is specifically forewarned, however, is irrelevant. Experience dictates that every U.S. employe in Eastern Europe must consider such tactics a definite possibility. Furthermore, it should not be assumed that the offices and homes of U.S. employes in Eastern Europe are a sanctuary from such tactics.

"Foreign secret police also apparently try to lay the foundation, including the utilization of voice recording devices, for recruitment attempts based on sexual relations in supposedly 'safe' quarters.

SEEK RECRUITS

"Communist foreign intelligence agencies avidly seek personal data concerning American officials. At least one of the uses of this information is to determine whether an individual can

be recruited into foreign intelligence and espionage work.

"Efforts are reportedly still made to get our people drunk for such purposes. Also a foreign agent reported that when she failed to get a U.S. employee drunk, the secret police ordered her to put 'knock-out drops' in his drinks so that she could go through his personal belongings."

President Johnson apparently intends to do some tough cracking down after election.

Exactly where and on whom isn't clear. But there is no doubt this is definitely on his mind. He made that very certain in the vehemence with which he spoke. There was an unmistakable note of vindictiveness in his remarks.

Talking to a group of trusted friends, the President said grimly, "After the election, there is going to be some tough investigating and cleaning up around here."

The President followed that up with another statement that was under his breath and as if to himself. His listeners didn't catch it. One thought he heard the phrase "get after some other people."

Whether the President meant the White House staff, government agencies or political opponents time will tell—if at all!

JARRING EXPERIENCE

From her own account, pert and vivacious Luci Johnson had a most disconcerting experience at the big Democratic campaign barbecue in Omaha, where she

was the star attraction.

As related by Luci on the plane back to Washington, the following is what happened:

"Gov. (Frank) Morrison sure is popular in his state. Why he got a bigger hand than I did. That's the first time that has happened in all my campaigning. It was a real eye-opener."

DEEPENING MYSTERY

The Pentagon's search for that missing Army courier, with top secret clearance, has been expanded to include Mexico.

A Central Intelligence source reported seeing the missing Army staff sergeant, who disappeared from his Pentagon post on Oct. 2, in Mexico. The 43-year-old non-com was in charge of a 4 p.m. to midnight detail that handled classified documents containing Defense Department top secrets.

Since his month-long disappearance, other than reports such as the unverified CIA's, no definite trace of him has been established.

Abba Schwartz, head of the State Department's Bureau of Security & Consular Affairs, spent the final week of the campaign on "leave"—making political talks in Boston, Chicago and San Francisco . . . Mrs. Lyndon Johnson's brother has been actively campaigning for the Democrats to Spanish-language audiences. He is A. J. (Tony) Taylor, Santa Fe, N.M., merchant, who speaks fluent Spanish. Taylor has campaigned in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California.

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